

SOUTH A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY – August 19th, 2014

I. Call to Order

The South A Municipal Advisory Committee (South A MAC) was called to order at **6:35 p.m.** on **August 19th, 2014** at the Deerwood Bonita Lakes Park, 14445 SW 122nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33186.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

The following South A Municipal Advisory Committee Members were **present**:

- Wilbur Bell – Committee Chairperson
- Edward Bullard
- Kathy Charles – Committee Secretary
- JL Demps, Jr.
- Dan Millott
- Juana Murillo
- Lubby Navarro – Committee Vice Chair

There were no members absent.

The following Miami-Dade County MAC Support Staff was present:

- Gigi Bolt, Office of Management and Budget

III. Approval of the Agenda

Committee Member Juana Murillo moved to **approve** the August 19th, 2014 South A MAC Agenda and Committee Member JL Demps Jr. seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.** Committee Chairperson Wilbur Bell indicated to those present that the Committee would be going through the items outlined.

A brief discussion took place regarding the placement of the Public Comment on the agenda. Committee Member JL Demps Jr. suggested that the Public Comment presentations be limited to two (2) minutes in order to ensure that individuals are able to provide input and the Committee can be able to get through the Agenda in a timely and effective manner. Ms. Gigi Bolt, Office Management and Budget, provided information on the public comment requirement at the beginning of public meetings as recently mandated by Florida Legislature.

IV. Public Comment

Chairperson Bell opened the floor for Public Comment and those who wished to speak were asked to provide their name and address for the record. Several members of the audience addressed the Committee and raised various issues and concerns. The comments provided by the public covered the following areas:

- *An expression of sympathy on the death of Michael Brown and support for the residents of Ferguson, Missouri*
- *Inquiries on the recent sale of the University of Miami property located next to the Zoo and the proposed development plans that include residential units and commercial projects.*
- *Questions on road and bridge construction projects in the area.*

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V. Approval of the Minutes – June 24th 2014

Committee Secretary Kathy Charles indicated that there was a change to the June 24th minutes for the record. She directed members to the Staff Presentation heading on page 2 and all references to *Mr. Carlos Herrera*, under the Miami-Dade Fire Department presentation, should instead reflect the name Carlos Herieda throughout that section of the minutes. Committee Secretary Charles moved to **approve** the June 24th, 2014 MAC Meeting Minutes **as amended** and Vice Chair Lubby Navarro seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Staff Presentations

Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

Mr. George Parrado and Mr. Michael Ruiz, Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, addressed the Committee and provide a listing of the 34 Miami-Dade Park facilities located in the subject South MAC A boundaries. Mr. Parrado advised that there are seven (7) Parks that are of regional significance that would not be transferred in the incorporation process; Black Creek, Gold Coast Railroad Museum, Larry and Penny Thompson, Nixon Smiley Pineland, North South Trail, Southridge Park and Zoo Miami – leaving 27 park facilities that could be transferred. He indicated that the remaining Parks are a combination of community, neighborhood and mini-park facilities with varying Staff levels. Mr. Parrado informed the Members that nine (9) parks are staffed by the Parks Department or a contracted community based organization (CBO).

Miami- Dade Public Works and Waste Management

Gayle Love, Miami-Dade Public Works and Waste Management, addressed the Committee regarding their Department services and indicated that municipalities that incorporate after 1996 are required to maintain the Solid Waste services. She highlighted that the Department provides weekly trash and recycling services and three (3) Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Centers were located within the proposed boundaries. Ms. Love also informed members that were some countywide services provided by the Public Works which would be maintained. Examples provided were certain street lighting and road construction, traffic signals, mosquito control and the Special Taxing District administration.

Discussion on Staff Presentations

Committee Secretary Charles inquired about the budget for the 27 parks identified on the list. Committee Member Demps Jr. stressed the importance of getting accurate financial information on the Parks as the Committee looks at the services being provided. Committee Member Murillo asked for more details on whether the Parks identified were fully developed. Vice Chair Navarro inquired about the relationship between the Parks Department and the CBOs and requested information on any open space requirements or policies that may apply. Committee Member Demps Jr. also asked about any Bonds that go with the Parks, i.e. GOB dollars, and how this would be handled in an incorporation process.

Mr. Ruiz indicated that he could provide a rough financial outline for the 27 parks listed that would be accurate and indicated that the Park costs varied widely. He gave an example of the costs for Goulds Park at approximately 1.2 million dollars. Mr. Ruiz indicted that the Park and Open Space Master Plan does provide long term road map for the County and additional information could be provided on whether any specific Park is slated for further development. As to Parks staffed by CBOs, he indicated that Three Lakes Parks is staffed by a CBO and it is governed by an operator agreement entered into between the Parks Department and the entity. Mr. Ruiz also advised, as a part of the negotiations on the incorporations, the available eligible Bonds like Capital and GOB would be reviewed and determined whether those allocations would be transferred in the process.

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Several members of the public raised questions and commented on the information provided in the Staff Presentations. The comments provided by the public covered the following areas:

- *Requests for additional information on the individual budgets for the Parks as well as information on the expenditures specifically at Goulds Park.*
- *Inquiries on Parks located adjacent to Miami-Dade County Schools, specifically who is responsible for maintenance, and questions on the status of project at 184 St and SW 137 Ave.*
- *Requests for more information on the Park employees that would be impacted with incorporation of the area.*
- *Concerns about the lack of development of the Chuck Holtz Park and the desire to ensure that the western part of the area is not forgotten. The lack of mowing of the grass at Parks, in the medium and swale was also raised.*
- *Concerns were also raised regarding the level of code enforcement in the area and the connection to neighborhood appearance.*

Vice Chair Navarro indicated that she would attempt to find out additional information regarding the maintenance of any of the park areas by Miami Dade County Schools. Ms. Bolt advised that she would ensure that the Committee received the follow-up information and stressed that there will be significant time devoted to looking closely at the budget considerations. She also informed those present that Department representatives would be present at the next meeting to provide information on code enforcement.

Committee Secretary Charles left the meeting at 7:38 pm.

VII. New Business

Ms. Bolt called the MAC Members' attention to the update of Committee Work Plan provided previously and indicated that it would continue to reflect Committee progress as the process moves along. The Members acknowledged the information.

Further comments were made by members of the public regarding the presentations made at the meeting and on some of the aspects of incorporation.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

Ms. Bolt advised the Committee Members that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Deerwood Bonita Lakes Park.

IX. Adjournment

Committee Member Demps Jr. moved to **adjourn** the meeting and Vice- Chair Navarro seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **7:47 pm.**